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Pembroke Rural District Council

ANNUAL
REPORT

OF THE

DISTRICT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR

1957.

P E M B R O K E R U R A L D I S T R I C T
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE
YEAR 1957.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

I have the pleasure to present the Annual Report for the year 1957.

The estimated resident population shows a slight decrease and a larger decrease has occurred in the birth rate, infant mortality rate and death rate, all of them being much lower than the rate for the County of Pembroke and for England and Wales.

The general death rate shows a very definite decrease. The greatest number of deaths from any one cause is due to heart disease, but not to coronary disease as so frequently happens in the urban areas.

The majority of the cases of infectious diseases notified were due to measles. It is surprising to see four cases of pneumonia notified: these cases were apparently not connected with influenza.

The general housing problem appears to be resolving. The housing of the elderly is a particularly difficult problem in a rural area but there is no doubt that one-bedroomed bungalows are required, particularly in an area such as Penally.

Water and sewerage problems have arisen but these problems are being dealt with as speedily as it is possible.

The section prepared by the Public Health Inspector shows how large a part these officers play in the maintenance of the conditions suitable for healthy living.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the members of the Council and the staff for their continued courtesy and co-operation during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Yours obedient servant,



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D.P.H., D.C.H.

District Medical Officer.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Pcpulation (Registrar General's Estimate).....1957....
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Birth Rate (per 1,000 pcg.)	13.3	17.8	17.05	16.1
Death Rate (per 1,000 pcg.)	8.6	11.4	11.32	11.5
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	11.8	61.4	34.17	23.0

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Tctal</u>
<u>Live Births</u>			
Legitimate	39	44	83
Illegitimate	1	1	2
Total Births	40	45	85

<u>Still Births</u>			
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Tctal	-	1	1

The infant mortality rate shows a marked decrease this year, there being only one death of an infant under one year of age. This was due to asphyxia caused by inhalation of vomitus in a little girl aged four months.

Causes of death

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
TOTAL (all causes)	28	27
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-
Malignant necplasm cf stcmach	1	1
Malignant necplasm cf lung, brcnhus	1	-
Malignant necplasm cf breast	-	1
Other malignant and lymphatic necplasms	2	5
Vascular lesicns cf nervcus system	4	2
Ccrnary disease, angina	4	3
Hypertensicn with heart disease	1	1
Other heart disease	3	5
Other circulatory disease	3	1
Influenza	1	-
Pneumonia	1	3
Brcnchitis	1	-
Other diseases cf respiratcry system	1	1
Ulcer cf stcmach and ducdenum	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	2
Mctcr Vehicle Accidents	1	-
All other accidents	-	1
Suicide	-	1

The death rate shows a decrease this year. Approximately 58.2% (32) of the total deaths were of persons aged over 70 years and of these 23.6% (13) were of persons aged over 80 years. The highest number of deaths from any one cause resulted from heart disease, which accounted for 17 deaths.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

4	Pneumonia	6	Measles
1	Erysipelas	2	Whooping Cough

TUBERCULOSIS

There were two cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified this year, one of which was admitted to hospital, and there was one death from Tuberculosis in a man aged 58 years.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT.1946.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES.PART III.

Vaccination Records were received of 28 primary and 1 secondary vaccination.

Immunisation Records were received of 51 immunisations 7 re-inforcing injections.

Both vaccination against small-pox and immunisation against diphtheria are carried out by the local practitioners, who are paid by the County Council on receipt by your Medical Officer of the record cards.

Vaccination against Polio-myelitis.

This work has continued at the clinics and in the schools and it has meant much additional work for the County Health Department.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT.1948.

Section 47 :- Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under this section.

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1957.

Details of the Water Supply are as follows:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Houses Connected</u>	<u>Standpipes</u>
Angle	65	7
Bosheston	15	-
Carew	122	15
Castlemartin	34	4
Cosheston	86	4
Hodgeston	14	2
Hundleton	56	7
Lamphey	130	3
Manorbier	156	11
Nash	6	3
Penally	143	4
Redberth	22	1
Rhoscrowther	19	-
Stackpole	57	-
St. Florence	68	-
St. Twynells	11	-
St. Petrox	5	-
St. Mary Out Liberty	78	1
Warren	6	1

WATERWORKS AND DISTRIBUTION MAINS

Work was completed in the Yerboston Lane extension which connected the Maiden Wells area and a number of isolated farms to the Council's pressurised main. At the same time, a duplicate 5" main was laid from the pumping station at Stephens Green to Hodgeston Hostel. This main was laid in order to improve the pressure at Lydstep and Penally.

SAMPLES OF WATER SENT FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION during 1957 were as follows:-

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Doubtful</u>
Private Supplies and Wells	1	2	-
Public Supplies	2	2	1
Proposed Public Supplies	4	4	-

SEWERAGE

Milton/Carew Cheriton Scheme

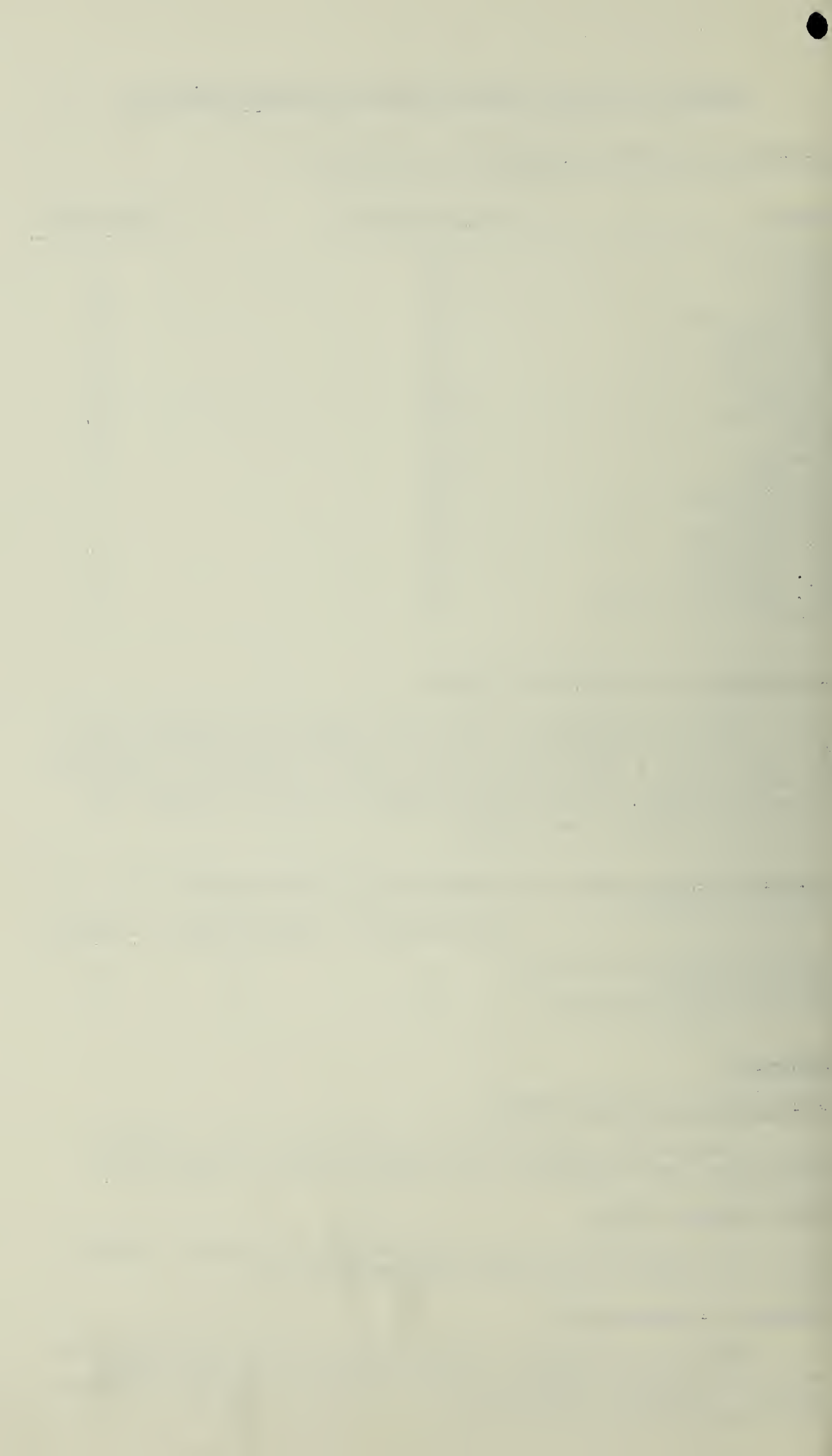
Considerable progress has now been made and a further 8 properties were connected to the sewer, making a total of 15.

Carew Village Scheme

No new properties were connected to this sewer, leaving the total number of properties connected at 31.

Manorbier Village Scheme

Work has proceeded satisfactorily on the conversions and connections in the village, and at the end of the year there were 48 properties connected to the sewer, an increase of 9 over the total for the previous year.



HOUSING

Sixteen council houses were completed during the year, 6 at Angle and 10 at Jameston, Manorbier. There were no other council houses under construction during the year.

11 improvement grants were made under the 1949-57 Housing Acts, bringing the total number of properties so improved to 44.

Unfit Houses

5 unfit houses were closed, the Council having accepted written undertakings from their respective owners, and a further 8 cottages were demolished.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	48
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1932 included in previous column.	-
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	15
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column).	8
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	7

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9, 10, & 16.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	-
No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By Owners).	-

Public Health Acts.

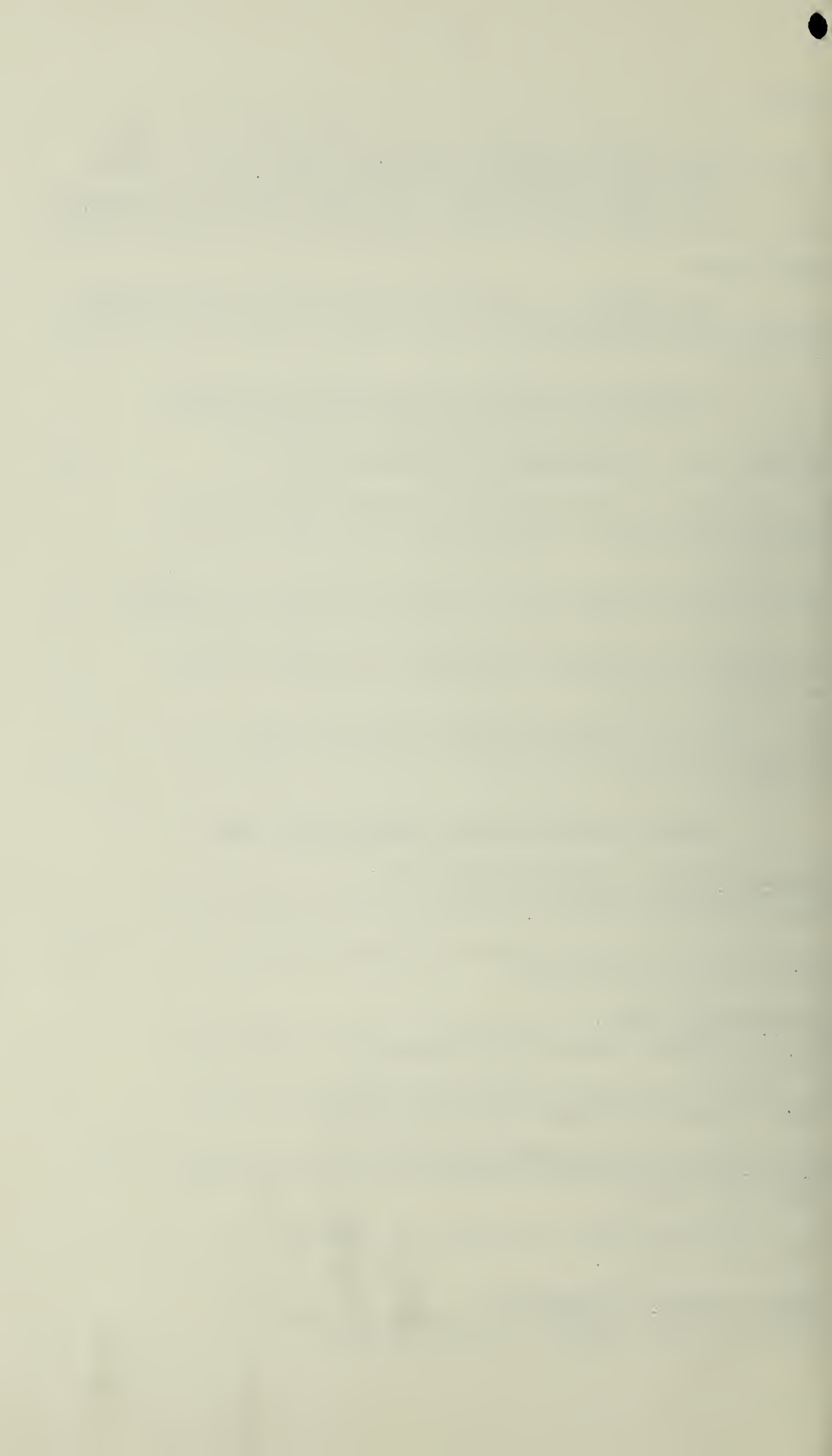
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	4
No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By Owners).	4

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 11 & 13.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made.	8
No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders.	8

Housing Act, 1936. Section 12.

No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made.	-
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HOUSING ACT 1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year	Not known
No. of families dwelling therein	"
No. of persons dwelling therein	"
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	10
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	10
No. of persons concerned in such cases	47

SANITARY INSPECTION

No. of complaints received	40
No. of defects or nuisances discovered	34

Summary of Inspections

Dwelling Houses :-

No. of inspections arising from housing applications	27
No. of inspections under Housing Act, 1936	31
No. of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants	18
No. of inspections under Public Health Act	24
Drainage	51
Infectious disease enquiries and disinfections	7
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	46
Schools	11
Factories (including bakehouses)	19
Shops (including ice-cream premises)	36
Refuse disposal	41
Water supplies	182
Miscellaneous	147

No. of Notices served

Preliminary:	Housing	8
	Other	4
Statutory:	Housing	-
	Other	-

Summary Action

Summonses issued	nil
Convictions obtained	nil

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDERS

No. of registered retailers	7
No. of inspections	29

Dairymen

Licensed to use the designation Tuberculin Tested	7
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CONDEMNED FOOD

It was found necessary to condemn the following:-

3 tins Cooked Ham (30 lbs. 4 ozs.)



SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Only one slaughterhouse is licensed within the district and the output is restricted to the needs of one butcher only.

Regular inspections were made and condemnations were confined almost entirely to parasitic conditions of the liver.

The following list shows the number slaughtered up to the end of the year.

	<u>Cattle</u> <u>excluding</u> <u>Cows</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u> <u>&</u> <u>Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Horses</u>
Number killed	106	1	26	419	96	-
Number inspected	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis &</u> <u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	26	1	-	42	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-

REFUSE DISPOSAL

On January 1st, a house to house collection scheme was inaugurated and proved very effective. A new refuse disposal site was acquired in a disused quarry at Lamphey and a stock-proof fence erected around it. The service is at present weekly, although a number of collections are made during the week in the summer months in order to empty the litter bins provided on all the main beaches in the district.

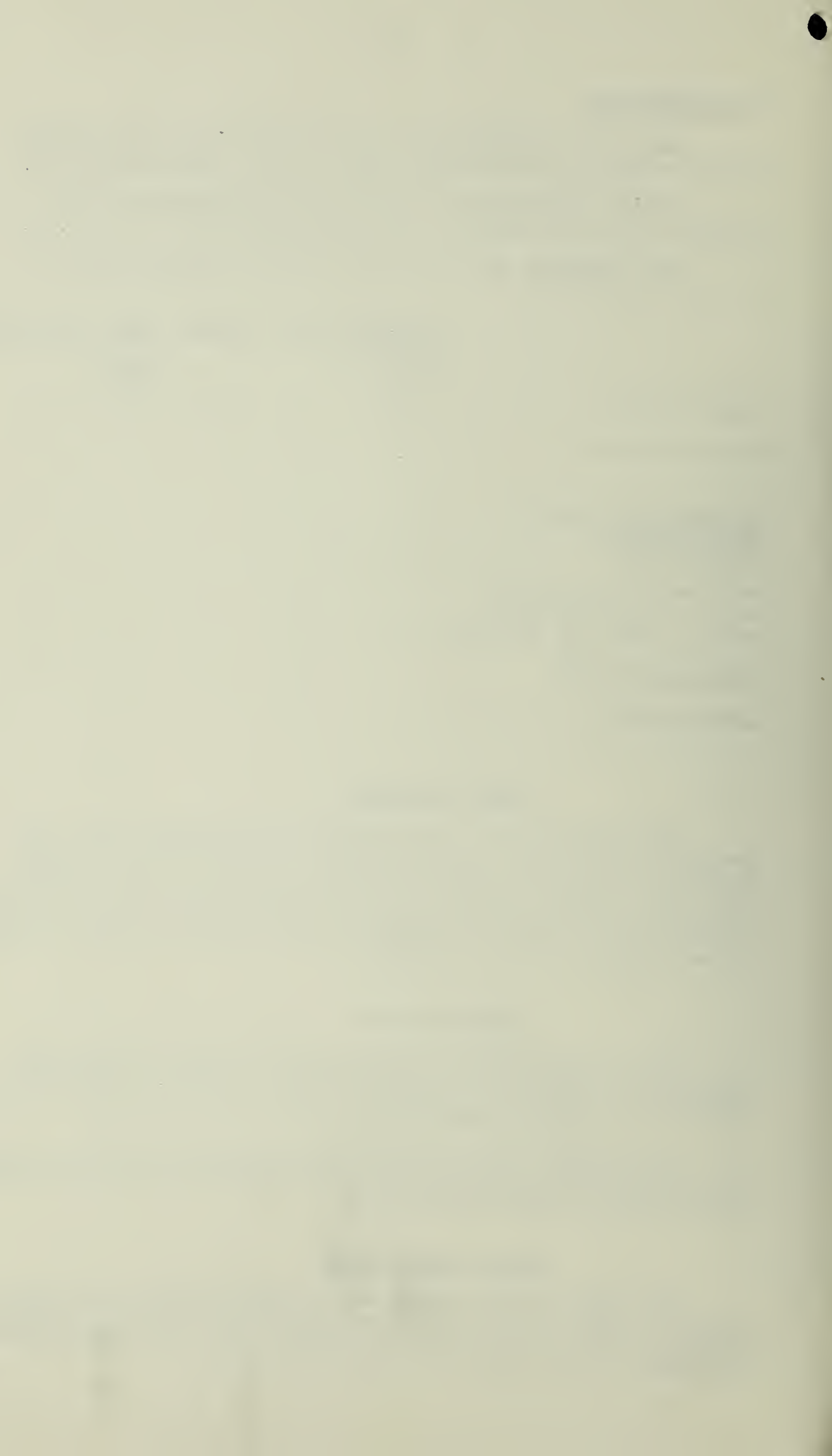
RODENT CONTROL

One of the Council workmen, normally employed on refuse disposal, is engaged part time on rodent control. Particular attention is paid to the Council's Refuse Tip at Hodgston and also to the communal refuse bins.

Many of the larger farms in the district are under contract with the Infestation Control Division of the P.A.E.C., and effective treatment is being carried out.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The three public conveniences erected in 1956 at Angle, Freshwater East, and Manorbier have proved to have been of great benefit to the visitors, and the Council have been complimented by members of the public on their cleanliness.



FACTORIES ACTS. 1937 & 1948

INSPECTIONS

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2, 3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	2	4	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	9	15	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	11	19	-	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred To H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>By H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>Prosecutions</u>
<u>Sanitary Conveniences</u>					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	1	-	1	-

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

